



Julie Tells How Family Has Reacted

**President Considered
Resigning But Pat,
Girls Said 'No'**

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — President Nixon discussed with his family the possibility of resigning because of the Watergate affair but took its advice not to because "it would be an admission of

wrongdoing," says Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

In an interview marking her 25th birthday today, the President's daughter said events will show that her father had no advance knowledge of the break-in at Democratic National headquarters in 1972 and did not know about the subsequent alleged cover-up by White House personnel.

"I think he was really in the dark," Julie said of the President. She said Nixon had failed to discover the wrongdoings earlier than he did because "he just had complete faith in everyone around him."

Julie said her father discussed the possibility of resigning with his family in a session at Camp David, Md., the weekend after his April 30 speech in which he announced the resignations of aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman and the dismissal of counsel John W. Dean III.

"He was playing the devil's advocate, saying, 'Should I resign, would it be better for the country? Would the wounds heal faster?'"

Julie said her father "really loves this country" and would do anything that was best for the nation.

But Julie said the President's family was opposed to resignation.

"We didn't think he should, because resigning would be an admission of wrongdoing," Julie said. "And we also felt that he was the man for the job and he had started things and needed to finish them."

Julie attributed her father's Watergate difficulties to the fact that he did not run his own campaign for the first time. "He didn't keep close tabs on things."

Although she described her father's mood now as very good, Julie said he was concerned because people are becoming cynical about the political process because of Watergate and "that's really sad."

Julie said her father had been "terribly distressed and shaken" by the Watergate disclosures and that "a lot of good people with good motives had just used incredibly bad judgment."

She pointed out "they weren't out for personal gain and that's part of the tragedy."

It hurt her father deeply to see these men finished as far as any government or political jobs were concerned, she said.

Julie termed "ludicrous" a White House political enemies list described to the Senate Watergate committee by Dean. She said her father was "too busy to be consumed with petty, paranoid concerns."

Responding to criticism about federal expenditures of \$1.3 billion at the request of the Secret Service on Nixon homes in California and Florida, Julie said her parents were "so ethical...."

"I just don't like to see anything written that implies they would have personal gain, because they aren't that way," she said.

The whole Nixon family was gathered at the President's ocean-front estate here for the 4th of July holiday and Julie's birthday.

President Nixon went to an Fourth of July party arranged

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Lawmaker To Score A First

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rep. Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, D-Calif., apparently will become the first member of Congress to have a baby while serving as a lawmaker.

Mrs. Burke, 40, has confirmed she is pregnant and says her child is due in November.

Mrs. Burke, a freshman member of the House, is married to William Burke, a Los Angeles businessman.

TALKS ABOUT FUTURE: Julie Eisenhower, President Nixon's daughter, talks with reporters in an interview prior to her 25th birthday which she will celebrate with her family at the Western White House today. Julie answered questions ranging from the Watergate to her plans for the future. (AP Wirephoto)

Adult Bookstores Remaining Despite High Court Ruling

By IAN GITTILTZ
Associated Press Writer
Less than 20 per cent of Michigan's adult bookstores and movie theaters have closed since the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling tightening controls on obscenity, an Associated Press survey reveals.

Prosecutors have adopted a wait-and-see attitude while legal experts study the high court's

ruling and try to establish enforceable guidelines.

The AP survey found only eight of 43 stores and theaters which deal in "hard-core" pornography have closed since the decision.

The court ruled 5-4 that juries and courts no longer find material is without redeeming social value before they can declare it obscene and outside

the free speech protection of the Constitution.

The court also ruled that local rather than national standards may be used in determining whether material is obscene.

State legal authorities disagreed about how far-reaching the decision will be in enabling local law enforcement

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Berrien County Development Chief Is Hired

Charles A. Schrenk, 45, of Mt. Pleasant, has been hired as director of economic development for Berrien county.

Announcement was made today by Roger H. Curry, executive vice president of Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce which was granted \$41,000 by Berrien county commissioners under a contract to attract business and create new jobs in the county.

The money from the county is from federal revenue sharing. Schrenk's salary will be \$17,000. Schrenk has been executive president and manager of the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce during the past four years.

Curry said Schrenk attracted the Delfield Division of Clark Equipment Co. to build in Mt. Pleasant. Schrenk also took part in the planning developing of two industrial sites and has been involved in a modernization program for the central business

district and development projects in Mt. Pleasant, according to Curry.

Schrenk previously spent nine years with W. T. Grant Co. as a store manager in Greenville, Pa.; Warren, Madison Heights and Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Curry noted: "The county has been falling far short of job needs. With Schrenk working full time on economic development, we hope to experience far better results than the county has had in recent years."

"For the county to experience quality growth and to protect the community's investment, we must assure employment opportunities for youth, the unemployed, the underemployed and the disadvantaged," said Curry.

One of the functions of the department headed by Schrenk will be to seek and maintain an up to date listing of buildings suitable for industry and other types of business use as well as



CHARLES A. SCHRENK
Development Director

sites suitable for development.

A study of Berrien county and part of adjoining counties by Larry Smith & Co. dated November, 1971, indicates a potential for industrial expansion of about 550 additional employees a year. The next increase from 1970 to 1985 would be 10,140 industrial jobs which would mean more than \$70 million in personal income by 1985.

The county's 1970 population was 163,875. The projected population for the county in 1985 is 198,916 which means 15 per cent more jobs will be needed.

Summer Sale-Edison's. Adv.
Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Adv.



SAILS IN THE SUNSET: The July 4th holiday ended in tranquility yesterday, at least for those watching the sunset over Lake Michigan. Two sailboats move silently through the water as the

sun slowly sinks over the horizon. This scene was captured from vantage point on Lake boulevard in St. Joseph. (Staff photo by Dick Derrick, SJ City Editor)

Ex-Local Family Of 5 Killed In Utah Plunge

Five members of a former Twin Cities area family were killed last night when their car and camping trailer plunged off a cliff in Utah, according to word received here this morning. A sixth member was reported in critical condition in a hospital.

The dead were identified as Don Bartz and his wife, Jean; a daughter, Joy, and two sons, Dan and Don. The father is the oldest son of the late Alfred Bartz of Stevensville, long time

Lincoln township supervisor and a former chairman of the Berrien county board of supervisors (now board of commissioners).

A daughter, Laurie, 15, was reported in critical condition in a hospital in St. Charles, Utah, near the accident scene.

The Bartz family lived in Nogales, Ariz., and was reported to be on a vacation trip.

Michigan Has Safest July 4th In 11 Years

Southwestern Michigan recorded one traffic death over what was described by Triple A spokesmen as the safest July 4 holiday in the state since 1962.

Injured fatally near Wayland in northern Allegan county was Orin Scott Lewis, 28, of Middleville. State police said he died about two hours after his motorcycle was struck by a

played a part however.

The one-day period was some 48 hours shorter than most holidays as now regulated by a new federal law. Under the law, most holiday's are observed on Mondays, giving motorists a three-day break.

The shortage of gasoline and, in some cases, local weather conditions, may have caused persons to cancel, delay or shorten holiday trips. Most fatal accidents, officials have said, occur within 25 miles of a person's home.

The nation's death toll stood at 168, less than predicted before it began at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

In the Allegan death, the 15th in the county so far this year, police at Wayland said Lewis' cycle was struck in the rear as he slowed to turn off 10th street a mile south of Wayland about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday.

A pickup truck was found abandoned in a ditch about a mile from the accident scene.

In custody was a man identified as Ronald Wayne Adams, 31, of Shelbyville, who was arrested about two hours after the accident while he was

walking near Bradley.

According to police, the man was arrested about the same time Lewis died in St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids.

Police said the impact had hurled Lewis and his cycle 162 feet.

Other deaths around the state Kathryn Postma, 65, of Zeeland, was killed when her auto was involved in a two-car collision in Ottawa County's Jamestown Township.

Raymond F. Starnes, 36, of Gladstone, died when his motorcycle hit a car on U.S. 41 in Delta County's Masonville Township.

Jackie Arnold, 52, of Leslie,

was killed when hit by an auto while walking in rural Jackson County.

Joyce E. Barber, 25, of Cadillac, died when the car in which she was riding rolled over in Wexford County's Boone Township.

Two Detroit suburbanites died when their car ran off U.S. 31 and hit a tree in Benzie County Wednesday. State Police identified them as Stuart Bassin, 20, of Oak Park, the driver, and Mary Bunch, 22, of Wyandotte.

Other victims: Thomas M. Woodruff, 22, of

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**15 Auto Deaths
In Allegan
County In
1973**

pickup truck. The truck, police said, was not stopped.

The death was one of 11 holiday deaths across the state for the 30-hour holiday counting period. A spokesmen for the AAA said the number was the lowest since 1962 when only nine died during the similar holiday period.

No specific reasons were given for the decline by road officials. Threatening weather in some areas, the nationwide gasoline shortage, the shortness of the holiday or a combination of all of them may all have

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U.S. Military Quietly Enters A New Phase

The public's attention has been so riveted on Watergate and perhaps somewhat incidentally on the super-markets' price postings that few people realized the country entered into a new phase this past Sunday.

As of midnight on Saturday, the draft ceased to be the main reliance for U.S. military manpower requirements and we are more fully embarked on the concept of a purely volunteer armed services.

Young men attaining their 18th birthday must still register with the Selective Service which will process their physical and mental backgrounds, but none of them will have to show up at collecting points such as the YMCA in downtown Benton Harbor for a bus ride to physical examination centers or induction camps.

This is a sharp reversal from a way of life which has been in effect continuously, except for two minor interruptions, since the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 began to prepare the nation for World War II. The draft lapsed on March 31, 1947, but returned quickly in 1948 at the onset of the Cold War.

It was suspended for three months in 1971 when Congress was debating the draft system which had come under increasing resentment because of its uneven effect as between individual conscripts.

Sunday's change in pace is one of the many inheritances from Viet Nam, the most inconclusive and the least popular war in America's history.

Last Jan. 27, the day the first Vietnam cease-fire took effect, President Nixon announced his Administration would not seek an extension of the draft beyond its scheduled June 30th expiration date.

The Selective Service machinery would be continued so that should another emergency develop, theoretically, there would be a reservoir of young men already processed and classified for a hurry up mobilization.

Except for some members on the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, Congressional sentiment already had finalized upon what Nixon had put in official words.

The question now is the ability to maintain an active armed force of over 2 million men and women on a voluntary basis.

The question goes to the deeper point of whether the volunteer system can supply the quality personnel in the quantity which the draft furnished by force of law.

Rep. Otis G. Pike (D., N.Y.), an outspoken member of the House

Armed Services Committee, is one of the few in official places who states frankly what others are mulling in distressed silence.

"The volunteer force, he declares, 'is a fiction.'"

He sees no deterrent to obtaining quantity, provided the financial inducement is present, but he frets that the quality will not come forward. These are the people who staff the hospitals, run the sophisticated weaponry systems, train the recruits, and so on.

There's no great problem in training somebody to pound a typewriter, to drive a truck or to attend the cooks and bakers school.

Locating the more rounded out person who prefers the freedom of earning his way in the civilian labor force may be something else.

Not too long after Nixon published his January 27th announcement, the Army said that henceforth only three of every ten recruits could be high school dropouts.

The graduate not only delivers a much more consistent performance than the dropout, he presents fewer disciplinary problems.

Being more glamorous than the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Marines have not had as much trouble yet in filling their ranks, but the Pentagon rule on dropouts carries no exceptions as between the services.

Bridging the gap between enlistments and projected requirements has been met so far by two temporizing measures.

One is emphasizing recruitment of women for noncombatant roles.

The other is raising the inducement to join the Reserves or the National Guard and relying more than in the past on those two components as active partners in the total standing force.

Public disenchantment with the entire Southeastern Asian venture is such that the Pentagon will have to have to get along with those and whatever other expedients can be thought out for some time to come; and if the world situation turns for the better or does not decline below the present causing of tensions, it may be the U.S. can sustain itself on the pre-1940 historical concept of a small, well organized professional force supplemented by calling out the militia for emergency situations.

This is a numbers game which World War II demonstrated to be flattery with danger.

For the moment, however, the domestic political climate accepts no other alternative.

'Mercy Killing' Is Subject That Needs Study

The case in Mineola, N.Y., involving the alleged "mercy killing" of a dying cancer patient focuses new attention on an important question. In essence the question is whether an attending physician, or anyone else, has the right under any circumstances to decide whether or not a patient's life shall be prolonged.

As many see it, medical ethics requires that all available means be used to keep a terminally ill patient alive as long as possible, no matter what hardships and agonies may flow from this course. Others maintain that

both mercy and good sense argue for letting death come to agonized patients for whom there is no longer any hope — even for speeding death by some painless method.

As it happened, the new president-elect of the American Medical Association, Dr. Malcolm C. Todd, has just been chosen when the Mineola episode came to light. He was naturally asked to comment, and said among other things, "Mercy killings may have their place, but I do not think the physician himself has the sole right to make this decision."

Dr. Todd's view is held by many in his profession, and by others who have given thought to the matter. There is a growing view that, with proper safeguards, some process for making such a decision would be not only acceptable, but desirable. Todd and others believe, as we do, that the matter ought to be studied by a commission of some sort. In our judgment its members should include not only doctors but also clergymen, lawyers, and a wide representation of various walks of life. This is a subject that should be approached with care, but also with a feeling of urgency.

Pennsylvania Avenue, traditional parade route in Washington, D.C., has disappearing traffic lights. Before parades, the poles in the center of the street are removed and the holes they leave are covered with metal plates.

Uncle Hubbard!



GLANCING BACKWARDS

SJ BAND ARRIVES IN EUROPE — 1 Year Ago —

The St. Joseph high school marching band, still smiling after being put through an incredible torture test of endurance, will face its next big test Friday. The band is in Europe OK. And morale is high after a five-hour wait in Detroit before takeoff and a series of snares.

The band is scheduled to participate in a marching band festival Friday at Goringham near Nijmegen in the Netherlands with nine American bands, a Canadian band, and one from the Netherlands participating in a musical festival. Most surprisingly, Robert W. Brown, director of the band, didn't know about the concert until he finished dinner at midnight — first meal for the band after departing the plane.

STARKS WILL HEAD DIVISION OF UCF — 10 Years Ago —

Robert L. Starks, a partner at Kerlikowske Funeral home, St. Joseph, has been named chairman of the Professional division for the 1963 United Community Fund campaign, it was announced today by Campaign Chairman Richard S. Rice.

Starks will succeed George Rahn and the Rev. Frans Victorson, who served as co-chairman of the professional unit in 1962 as it went over its \$27,000 goal with pledges totalling more than \$28,000. Mrs. David Upton was associate campaign chairman in charge of Professional.

TOMORROW'S HONOR DAY — 29 Years Ago —

With E bond purchases in St. Joseph running behind this city's quota, Robert H. Ludwig,

war bond committee chairman, today called in all bond sales team captains and as many members as possible and urged them to exert their fullest effort to go over the top tomorrow "Michigan's Honor Day."

The Coca Cola Bottling Company today reported it had exceeded its E bond quota. Cooper Wells and Company announced the quota at that plant had been tripled. Mrs. Edward Richter, commander of the twin city Navy Mothers, reported that organization had already sold \$25,000 worth of bonds in the Fifth War loan.

RETURNS TO BASE — 39 Years Ago —

Lt. Eldon Rohl of the U.S. aviation corps has returned to Langley Field, Va., after spending a leave with his parents, the J.C. Rohls, of this city.

FIRE DESTROYS STABLES — 59 Years Ago —

Fire destroyed the stables of Supervisor Jacob F. Harrold's transfer line on Court street and for nearly two hours threatened to wipe out the residential district in that part of the city between Main and Wayne streets. The Harrold loss will run about \$5,000.

HALF YEAR LICENSES — 49 Years Ago —

Half-year licenses for automobiles will not be available until Sept. 1 and will be good only for the remaining four months of the year, County Treasurer C.J. McMullen announces.

PLANK'S TAVERN — 83 Years Ago —

Mr. Plank of Plank's Tavern says that many people who formerly spent their vacations at Mackinac are coming to St. Joseph this summer.

BERRY'S WORLD



Roy Cromley

Laird, Richardson Set Planning Goal

WASHINGTON (NEA) — One major activity of Elliot Richardson, the new Attorney General, and Melvin Laird, President Nixon's adviser on domestic affairs, will never make the headlines. Yet it perhaps will be the most important single contribution these dissimilar men make to government over the next few years.

When Richardson lets his hair down, insofar as this careful, precise man can, he says his objective in government is to bring more of the people working for him into the planning of what his agency does (a feed-in from the bottom up) and to help them work with an understanding of how their decisions and their actions affect the whole of the department (and the government). Laird is known to hold the same view.

Superficially, all this does not sound very dramatic. But in watching Washington these past 30 years this reporter is convinced that the great and most serious longtime problem of the federal government is that planning, more often than not, comes from the top down — and the middle and the bottom are ignored.

Subordinates with long years

of experience in the job, as contrasted with the in-now, out-tomorrow tenure of the top 3,000 men in government, are too often asked only to devise ways to implement plans already decided on.

This system fails to take advantage of the vast experience and considerable ability of many of the career men in government. (And there are sizable numbers of very able men and women — along with a quota of dunderheads.)

This practice also creates a tremendous morale problem. Capable men whose ideas are ignored with regularity gradually give up trying. They do their work but not with enthusiasm. They mark time. They resist change. And thus important sections of the vast federal bureaucracy inch along with great inefficiency, which belies what excellence is present in its membership.

Meanwhile bureaucrats build empires. Those devoted to one political philosophy or another with unfortunate frequency actively sabotage programs of superiors and administrations with which they disagree.

All this results in an enormous waste of talent, a subversion of plans and incredible inefficiency.

Jeffrey Hart

Pornography: Color It Blue

At long last the Superior Court has now moved to put some limits on the flood of pornography that has been inundating the nation since 1966.

Specifically, it ruled that the defense permitted by the 1966 decision, which opened the floodgates — that the porn item might have "redeeming social value" — no longer obtained. Under that provision, anything went — as is obvious if you just visit Times Square or your corner newsstand.

Under the new ruling, states may punish the printing or sale of works "which portray sexual conduct in a patently offensive way and which, taken as a whole, do not have serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

Sensibly administered, and there is no reason to think it cannot be, that language should do the trick.

The standard liberal position maintains that there is nothing wrong with pornography, nothing demonstrable at any rate, and that if an adult desires to consume it the community has no interest in preventing him from doing so.

To which position several rejoinders are appropriate, as by Professor Ernest van den Haag in a recent symposium at Dartmouth College and Peregrine Worsthorne of the London Telegraph in a fine ar-

ticle in the May 1973 issue of Encounter:

1. Our 18th-century forbears found nothing wrong with bear-baiting or cockfighting. The ancient Romans found nothing wrong with gladiatorial spectacles. But the successors of both came to a different conclusion. How? They did so not by demonstrating anything. They did not assemble committees of experts or carry out psychological testing. Gladiatorial spectacles, bear-baiting and cock-fighting were abolished because our forbears found them disgusting, and brutalizing. Even so pornography.

2. What an individual does — even an adult, and even in private — may well be of concern to the community. It is hardly to be doubted that pornography affects the way an individual perceives other people. A community suffused by porn will be a different kind of place than one which is not. A pornographic climate hardly fosters things like affection and love, feelings traditionally prized by our culture. It tends to degrade and de-humanize, a process with chilling implications in the context of modern history.

3. Society does have a stake in encouraging the enjoyment of sex in socially desirable ways, such as in connection with love, the family and children. Every society known to history has recognized such a stake. Pornography does the opposite.

4. Porn is literally subversive, assails the bonds of society. Peregrine Worsthorne: "Contemporary revolutionaries are happy to admit this. They boast that pornography is far more effective an instrument for disrupting bourgeois society than Marxism, since it calls into question existing human relationships at a far deeper level and on a far wider front than any Marxist-Leninist economic analysis can hope to do." Note: Porn, during the 1960s, was central to the "politics of rage" and was a prime instrument of hate.

5. Where porn is concerned, and to alter Dr. Johnson slightly, liberalism is the last refuge of the scoundrel.

WRITER DIES

TORRINGTON, Conn. (AP) — Eric Stowe Hatch, 71, chairman of the Connecticut Historical Commission, writer and novelist, died Wednesday. He wrote "My Man Godfrey," a comedy movie of the 1930s, and also wrote the scripts for the "Topper" television series of the 1950s.

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Drop Aid To Action, Urges Competitor

The president of Rampart ambulance company Tuesday night asked the Benton township board of trustees to consider dropping the subsidy payments made to Action ambulance company.

Rampart President Dennis Leavitt noted that Rampart is a Benton township-based firm, pays taxes to Benton township, is nearer township residents

and can provide more efficient service.

Action ambulance is based in Benton Harbor.

"We are paying our bills and growing rapidly," Leavitt stated, adding that Rampart is growing "without a subsidy."

"We feel the subsidy paid by the township to Action is not necessary, and would like to prove it to you," he said.

Leavitt said he would send monthly accounting statements to the board to show Rampart's fiscal status.

Trustees accepted the offer, and Clerk Ralph Dahn said the township wanted to make sure Rampart would not go out of business before the board made any decisions.

Benton township is one of the municipalities that provide subsidies to Action for ambulance service. Dahn said Benton township pays over \$600 a month to Action.

Rampart, which has been in operation six months, receives no subsidy from any municipality.

Trustees Tuesday also sent to second hearings requests for paving on Britain avenue and Carmody road.

The township this spring instituted a service whereby the township pays \$1 per front foot for road paving. The rest is paid by property owners.

Property owners along Britain will have to pay \$1.33 per front foot, and property owners along Carmody will be charged 75-cents a front foot, according to Dahn.

In other roadwork, the board accepted the low bid of \$7,891 from Consumers Asphalt Co. for blacktopping Union street from Lynch to Emory. Benton Harbor will share the costs.

The board also heard a report on a storm drainage study from a representative of Harland Bartholomew and Associates, planning firm; and approved a request for a used furniture license (to sell and repair TVs) for Newell Anglin at 2158 Red Arrow highway.

Troopers Lower Flag For Litowich

The flag at the Benton township municipal building on Territorial road will fly at half-staff for seven days, beginning July 4, in memory of ex-Senator Harry Litowich.

Benton township's board of trustees also expressed their appreciation for Litowich's public service, and adopted a resolution of sympathy for his family.

Litowich died Monday from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Two Slain

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Two persons apparently were murdered late Wednesday in nearby Mount Morris Township, a Genesee County Sheriff's Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman identified the two victims as Janice Ann Hartley, 18, and James L. Bolebozich, 25, both township residents. They were found in a house just north and west of Flint.

The spokesman would not say how the pair were killed. An investigation is continuing.



STORM DAMAGE: The severe storm which hit the Spinks Corners-Bainbridge area early Monday afternoon is believed to have destroyed between 10,000 and 20,000 tart cherry and peach trees in a

seven to 10 square mile area, according to Jordan Tatter, district extension horticultural agent. This photo taken from the front yard of the Elwood Lindahl farm on East Napier shows fallen trees in

front yard and felled orchard in front of neighbor's barn. (Staff photos)



CHERRY TREES DESTROYED: This photo shows effect of Monday afternoon's storm to cherry orchard on Harold Benedix farm about a half-mile east of Spinks Corners on Napier. High winds completely broke off trees, uprooted others and

broke off many fruit laden limbs in the area. The storm hit just as cherry growers in area were preparing to harvest this year's crop. Tatter estimated that over a millions pounds of tart cherries were lost in storm.

Local Area Police Not Involved In Fund Drive

Joe Sieber, Benton township police chief, said a Lansing-based organization which is soliciting advertising is not affiliated with any police agency or police lodge in the Twin City area.

Sieber said the organization is The Michigan Professional Police Association which is selling advertising for its publication "Michigan Police Officer."

Sieber said his department had received several calls from person about the association from persons who were solicited for advertising. Lt. Carl Hulander, commander of the Benton Harbor state police post, said similar inquiries had been filed at the post.

St. Joseph Det. James Siebenmark, president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 96, said the FOP is not affiliated

with the association. Siebenmark noted the official monthly publication of the FOP is "Peace Officer" magazine. "Michigan Peace Officer" sponsored by the association is published quarterly.

Sieber said he checked with other departments in the county — Berrien Springs, Niles, Buchanan and New Buffalo — found no connections with the Michigan Professional Police Association.

To Visit U.S.

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka hopes to visit Washington for nine days beginning July 29 and meet with President Nixon July 31-Aug. 1. Chief Cabinet Secretary Susumu Nikaido said today.

Blacks Launch BH Drive

Financial Independence Begins

BY JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

July 4, 1973, was declared "the birthday of financial independence for black residents of Benton Harbor."

The declaration was made by Michael Shane, executive director of Operation Sticking Together In Community Kinship (STICK) as the organization was launched on the 197th birthday of the USA.

Shane described STICK's purposes press conference Wednesday morning at the operation's headquarters, 144 Pipestone street. He named the goals as:

1. Economic development.
2. Assistance in the realization of ambitions in skilled trades, various professions and arts.
3. Boosting educational programs for the "enlightenment of

both races."

4. Cooperation with police and correctional authorities to alleviate the high crime rate.

5. A youth employment program.

6. Voter education workshops and voter registration drives.

STICK was endorsed by Mayor Charles F. Joseph who said without an economic base there cannot be full equality, top-notch education, happiness or abatement of crime.

Shane said STICK is starting a membership drive and hopes to enlist 12,000 by December.

He described the first major goal in economic development as construction and operation of a meat processing plant, costing an estimated \$131,000 and employing some 118 persons as meat cutters, truck drivers, sales representatives chemical

specialists and department heads.

Shane said meat will be brought to the plant in quarters and cut into retail portions for distribution to area motels, restaurants, chain stores and the community at large.

"At least 52 families of lower income status will be given opportunity to become stockholders in the plant," said Shane.

"We know that before we practically prepare to create a new middle class, we must firmly establish the success of those black merchants who have already undertaken to invest their money and their energies in hopes that the black community will support them."

Shane was a worker in Mayor Joseph's campaign in 1971 and last year was manager of the Blacks for Nixon campaign in Benton Harbor.



KICKOFF FOR STICK: Michael Shane (seated at table near center) tells aims for new organization, Operation Sticking Together In Community Kinship, Inc. (STICK), at Fourth of July press

conference. Shane will be executive director. Taking part with Shane are from left: Rev. Nathaniel Wells, Jr., Rev. Ellis Hull, Charles Shepherd, Shane, Benton Harbor Mayor Charles

Joseph, Rev. W.T. Burton, Rev. T.N. Wilkins, and Mrs. Geneva (Charles) Shepherd. (Staff photo)

SHOREHAM

Paint-Up, Fix-Up Projects Scheduled

Shoreham village council authorized a series of fix-up, paint up jobs at its meeting Tuesday.

Dr. Hugo David, village president, reported a street light survey indicated two more street lights in the Garden Lane-Yukon drive area are needed. At present there are lights at each corner of the square formed by the two streets and the plan is to put lights in the center of the long blocks.

The councilmen voted to have the village hall on Brown School road painted. Also due to be painted are the village gas light street signs.

The grass in Shoreham Downs park has been mowed and will be kept closely cropped all summer. Blacktop for the park's new tennis courts has been laid following authorization June 18.

SJ Merchant Marine Graduate Joins Navy

Steve W. Jochmans, 22, of St. Joseph, was graduated recently from the U.S. Merchant Marine academy at Kings Point, N.Y.

But he isn't going to be a merchant mariner, at least for a while. Jochmans was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy and plans to enter flight training.

The switch was reported caused by the shortage of ships in the Merchant Marine which the U.S. is trying to redevelop and raise tonnage.

A 1969 graduate of St. Joseph high school, Jochmans was tennis captain at Kings Point and will be listed in the 1973 edition of "Outstanding College Athletes of America."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Purdy, 810 Michigan avenue, St. Joseph.



STEVE W. JOCHMANS
Service Switch

Leroy Payne Now Working Within Law

*Imprisoned For Wounding
Two Policemen, He's
Now Legal Aide*

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

A young man who people had given up on has grown into a responsible adult.

A bleak future 11 years ago has turned into a ray of hope. A black man who was convicted of shooting a police officer is working within the law to help others.

The young man turned adult, the man who changed his future, the felon turned para-legal aid—all of these are Leroy Payne.

The biggest day in the life of 23-year-old Leroy Payne of Benton Harbor came on a cold November morning.

TWO POLICE OFFICERS WOUNDED

At 3:54 a.m. he was involved in a shootout with two Berrien sheriff's deputies after they had stopped a car following a burglary.

During the exchange of gunfire, Det. Victor Yost, then 44, and Special Deputy Charles Plummer, then 38, were wounded.

Both officers recovered from their wounds, and in 1963 Payne was sentenced to serve 19-40 years on his guilty plea to a charge of assault with intent to murder.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS SENTENCE

He was sent to Jackson prison, but his dealings with courts weren't finished. Many appeals, changes of sentence and venues, were culminated recently when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled a 1967 second and longer sentence was valid.

While the legal process was churning out decisions, Payne was preparing to jump off the springboard into a new life.

He was paroled on March 9, 1972, and went to Milwaukee. His sponsor there is Assemblyman Lloyd A. Barbee from the Wisconsin legislature.

Barbee, a 47-year-old Democrat, has been in the legislature since 1964, and is known in Wisconsin for his civil libertarian views. He, too, is black.

Under Barbee's tutorship, Payne is now working as a legal assistant with a future in the para-legal field.

WORKING ON IMPORTANT CASES

According to Barbee, Payne is currently working on a federal case involving school desegregation, working within the community doing investigative work and interpreting legal jargon to the people.

"He's doing an excellent job and is well-liked from what I've heard," Barbee says.

He added Payne is very active, "doing quite well," and seems to be fitting into society.

In a letter to James Caldwell, Berrien county parole officer, Thomas R. Peelen, probation-parole agent for the Wisconsin division of correction, states Payne is: "very cooperative with supervision and follows instructions promptly. He appears to be a very responsible man who has adjusted well."

WOUNDED POLICEMAN NOT ANGRY

And Victor Yost, the detective who was wounded in the shooting melee, says: "I have no ill feelings towards Leroy at all. Both my wife, June, and I felt that what the parole authorities felt was proper was okay with us."

"I have no animosity—if he's been a good prisoner and is working into society, then I feel his parole is okay."

And it was Yost who spoke in Payne's behalf to help convince Judge Chester Byrns of Berrien circuit court to recommend to the parole board (which grants paroles) that Payne be paroled.

Statistics show 60 per cent of parolees released from Michigan prisons make good.

Leroy Payne appears to be on the road to becoming more than a statistic.

Subdivision Plat Gets Green Light At South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — City council gave final approval to a preliminary plat plan for a residential subdivision on the city's north side Tuesday night.

A proposal to develop 14 lots on property southeast of the intersection of North Shore drive and Baseline road was unanimously endorsed by the council.

The subdivision will be known as Comptonwood according to District Court Judge Donald Goodwillie Jr., a co-partner in the venture, who presented the plan to the council. The owners plan to construct water and sewer line extensions and necessary roads in the next two months Goodwillie told the council.

In other action, the council rejected a lone bid for leasing city-owned property along the Black river for a canoe rental concession. Local businessman Richard Kingdon had offered to pay \$25 a month for the use of land near the city's boat launching ramps.

A motion to accept Kingdon's proposal was defeated 4-2. In favor were Mayor Richard Lewis and Alderman Tom Renner. Opposed were Aldermen William Andresen, Matthew Georg, Robert Warren and Douglas Watrick.

The dissenting aldermen said they believed that the rental of city property would compete with private enterprise offering the same service.

The council authorized Van Buren chapter 57 of the Disabled American Veterans to conduct their annual "Forget-Me-Not" sale in the downtown business district July 20-21.

Two bids for vehicles were accepted. The low bid of \$3,604 from Don Woodhams Ford of South Haven was approved for a cab and chassis for mounting an ambulance-rescue combination body for the fire department. The lost \$2,455 bid of Russ Hyma Chevrolet of South Haven was approved for a passenger car for the Board of Public Works.



ANDREWS CAMPUS ADDITION: New 24-unit apartment building is being constructed at Andrews university, Berrien Springs, to house

married students. Buildings shown at right and above are also married student apartments. School officials report new \$300,000 building should be

completed in time for fall quarter beginning in October. Apartments are on southeast side of campus. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

'Mute' Plea On Way Out In Michigan

BY BRANDON BROWN
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The plea of "standing mute or silent" before one's accusers appears to be on the way out in Michigan courts.

The plea has long been used by attorneys for preserving defense rights in order to attack irregularities in the criminal charge later.

New rules by the Michigan Supreme Court, effective July 1, don't eliminate the mute plea but say the "not guilty" plea has

the same effect, according to Berrien circuit court sources.

Earlier, defendants in Berrien circuit court stood mute during arraignment to preserve the right to attack procedural errors in the chain of events that brought the defendant to court. Pleading "not guilty" waived these errors, at least in theory.

The mute plea is an ancient one, part of the legal theory that the defendant does not have to defend himself because the burden of proof is on the accuser, according to Berrien circuit court sources.

A number of defendants used the "not guilty" plea instead of mute during arraignments Monday in circuit court.

New rules also require judges to give defendants papers for appeals and obtaining court-appointed appellate counsel; and require judges to determine if there is substantial support for finding the defendant guilty when he pleads nolo contendere (no contest), according to court sources.

Earlier, the judge merely asked the nolo contendere plea-maker if he disputed the prosecutor's charges.



JONES IS COMING BACK: Jones, a virtual ghost town on eastern edge of Cass county since last business moved away in past year, is coming back to life. Edward Lowe, of Cassopolis, who made fortune with invention and manufacture of "Kitty Litter", is converting town into tourist attraction. Lowe has purchased 115 acres, including buildings

on Main street and immediate surrounding area and is in process of restoring buildings on 1920 theme. Celebration marking rebirth is to be held July 4. Pictured is community's only bank which is one of buildings being restored. Banking and other services are to be available when project is done. (Mike McDonough photo)

Berrien Center Youth Seriously Bitten By Dog

BERRIEN CENTER — A six-year-old Eau Claire boy was injured seriously when attacked by a watchdog at his father's service station here last night.

Wayne Bishop, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bishop, Eau Claire, was in the intensive care unit at Berrien General hospital here this morning.

His mother said 44 stitches were required to close the head and face wounds.

According to Mrs. Bishop, the boy was standing next to his father when the doberman pinscher attacked.

The father forced the dog's jaws open to free his son, and was bitten on the arm while locking the animal in a restroom at the station, Harold's Arco service.

Mrs. Bishop said they acquired the dog about a year ago. She said it will be destroyed after it is determined whether the animal was rabid.

According to Mrs. Bishop, the boy and his father had gone to the station to get some pop.

Hundreds Attend Litowich Funeral

Some 400 persons from all walks of life paid their final respects to former State Senator Harry Litowich during funeral services Wednesday morning.

During services at Kerley & Starks funeral home in St. Joseph, Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple B'Nai Shalom recounted the years of service to government and business of the deceased legislator. Although it rained most of the morning, the sun broke through and skies cleared when the funeral procession moved to Temple Beth El cemetery in Benton township.

Litowich died Monday from

injuries sustained in an auto accident June 10 in Van Buren county.

The Berrien county Sheriff's Posse, of which Litowich was a life member, formed an honor guard at the funeral home and cemetery. The board of directors of the Salvation Army also attended as a group.

Pallbearers included Sen. Charles O. Zollar, Joe Carver, William Barry Sr., Parker Dukeshner, Jonas Gelder, and Ray Metzger.

Litowich was 74 when he died at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital.